



# *Special Committee on Gaming/Casinos*

June 26, 2007 – 7:00 pm – **Agenda**

City Council Chamber, Room 214 – Municipal Building

## **View Minutes**

1. Written Motion, Councillor Alves, asking that the City Council's Special Committee on Gaming meet with representatives of the Wampanoag Tribe to discuss the Tribe's potential interest and proposed plans for a Gaming Facility/Casino in Massachusetts, and to determine if the Tribe is planning to go forward with plans to develop a Casino, and what consideration would New Bedford be given in their planning (as their first and strongest advocate,) so that we can decide how to best develop our plans for the future, in light of the potential interest from private developers and the potential that the Federal Government may recognize another Federally-authorized tribe in the future. (Ref'd 2/8/07)

***INVITEES: Glenn Marshall, Chairman Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council***

2. Written Motion, Councillor Alves, requesting that the Special Committee on Gaming set up and schedule a meeting with the Tribal Council Chairman, Glenn Marshall, and the Members of the Tribal Council of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, to introduce them to, and acquaint them with, the benefits of the City of New Bedford as a potential site for an off-Cape gaming facility, due to their new status and Federal recognition from the U. S. Interior Department as a Sovereign Nation. (Ref'd 2/22/07)

***INVITEES: Glenn Marshall, Chairman Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council and Members of the Tribal Council***

3. Written Motion, Councillor Alves, pursuant to a conversation between this Councillor and Mashpee Tribal Council Chairperson, Glenn Marshall, requesting that he and Tribal Members responsible for the future economic development of the Tribe be cordially invited to meet with the City Council Special Committee on Gaming at it's next meeting, and that we also invite and encourage representatives of the New Bedford Economic Development Council, New Bedford Redevelopment Authority, New Bedford Industrial Park Foundation, Chamber of Commerce, Greater New Bedford Career Center, the City's Offices of Tourism/Marketing and Planning/Planning Board to attend the meeting, to emphasize, highlight and make a brief presentation as to the advantages and potential (in addition to a possible gaming venue) the more immediate possibilities for the development of Tribal Economic ventures and businesses in the City of New Bedford, as well as the benefits the City can provide through funding, grants, TIF's, and private financing, to leverage Tribal resources and funding sources, in an effort to encourage the development/opening of Tribal businesses by Tribal Members in the City of New Bedford, as well as with the goal that we all work together to jointly seek to offer job opportunities/assistance to Tribal Members and City Residents, and encourage the Tribe to **take advantage of our great work force and their strong ties to the New Bedford Community and Citizens.** (Ref'd 3/22/07)

***INVITEES: Glenn Marshall, Chairman Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council; Tribal Members; Matt Morrissey, NBEDC; Tom Davis, New Bedford Industrial Foundation; Roy Nascimento, Chamber of Commerce; David Kennedy, City Planner; George Smith, Planning Board Chairman; Greater New Bedford Career Center Executive Director, Ed Dennehy; Office of Tourism/Marketing Creative Economy Coordinator, Deborah Hynes***